

# News and Gossip of the Government Departments

## Commerce & Labor

The Bureau of Corporations has recently lost three high-class, well-paid employees, as Government salaries go, but the incident at the same time affords a timely object lesson of the much discussed question of compensation in the Government service. It is strikingly strange and true that two of the employees in question, although receiving what is considered fair salaries in the department, nevertheless, receive a considerable increase in their new positions on the outside, for which they resigned their Government positions. It revives the old question of whether the Government is to continue to pay meager salaries and forever be subjected to a natural and gradual drain on its best material to the business world. It is pointed out by some students of the question of salaries and employment that the departments at the present time are largely training schools for the schooling and development of workers for the outside business world. A good solution of the problem at the present time, or at least a move in the right direction, so the clerks claim, would be to pass the proposed 20 per cent increase legislation that has been much discussed this winter.

### Secretary Straus in New York.

Secretary Straus made a hurried visit to New York city on Thursday to be present at the marriage of his niece, Miss Vivian Straus, daughter of former Congressman Theodore Straus, who was married on Thursday evening to Mr. Scheffelt, a prominent business man of New York city.

### Mr. and Mrs. Sargent in New York.

Commissioner General of Immigration and Mrs. Frank P. Sargent spent several days in New York city last week, attending on Thursday evening the annual ball of the Beneficial Association of the Immigration Service, which was largely attended and a great success, as the balls have always been heretofore.

### Indorse Townsend Bill.

The Townsend bill that seeks to shed the light of publicity on the actions of both labor and capital, which was introduced in the House by Representative Townsend, is receiving strong support from the officials of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Garfield and Commissioner of Labor Neil were before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce Thursday and gave their indorsement to the principal involved in the measure. The bill provides for an investigation by direction of the President of all labor and capital disputes. It is believed the measure if passed will serve to prevent strikes, and also cure the rebate evil.

### Attended Club Meeting.

Noble Newport Potts, a member of the Illinois Republican Club, of this city, who is an employee of the department, was away from his desk for several days last week for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the League of Republican Clubs, which were held at Hotel Raleigh. Mr. Potts proved his worth as a host of assisting delegates, and also as a student of organization work by introducing many valuable resolutions, suggestions and amendments, which were promptly adopted by the league. He was present at the reception tendered the league membership by the President at the White House on Tuesday morning.

### List of Promotions.

The happiest section of the department at the present time is the Bureau of Corporations, the reason for which will readily be seen in the following list of promotions, all of which were made during the past week:

Franklin M. Hildbrandt, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; Clarence G. Farwell, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; John S. Higgs, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; Leon S. Gibson, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; Frederick M. Kirby, from copyist \$900 to clerk at \$1,000; J. Kennedy Stout, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; Charles H. Rodgers, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; Lee P. Caffee, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; William L. Aldford, from copyist at \$900 to clerk at \$1,000; Clarence A. Miller, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; John T. Harris, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; James G. Massey, clerk, from \$1,000 to \$1,300; Samuel S. Kallisher, from copyist at \$900 to clerk at \$1,000; M. Markham Flannery, promoted from special attorney at \$1,500 to special attorney at \$2,000; Charles Connor, promoted from special attorney at \$1,500 to special attorney at \$2,000.

### Clerk Dougherty Transferred.

Philip Dougherty, who for some time past has held a clerkship in the office of the superintendent of the State, War, and Navy building, has received a transfer to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization for duty as a clerk in the Immigration Service. He will be stationed at Montreal, Can., and left yesterday for his new post of duty.

### Notes and Personals.

Morten C. Macdonald, telegrapher, copyist in the Navy Department, has recently been transferred to this department and assigned to the Bureau of Corporations as a special agent.

Robert F. Richardson, assistant messenger in the office of the secretary, has been transferred to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, where he will perform similar duties at the same compensation.

W. Clayton Carpenter, clerk in the Bureau of Standards, tendered his resignation during the past week.

George A. Mahone, attached to the immigration service at Baltimore as stenographer and typewriter, has been promoted to the position of immigrant inspector at that point, and his salary increased from \$1,400 to \$1,600 per annum.

Walter L. Opdyke has been promoted from the position of stenographer and typewriter at \$1,400 per annum to that of Chinese inspector at \$1,600 per annum in the immigration service at Baltimore.

Henry C. Billingsley, of Florida, and James R. Lawrence, of Alabama, have been appointed to the census for the past three weeks, will return to his desk on Monday.

J. S. Higgs, of the Bureau of Corporations, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Kansas for the past three weeks, will return to his desk on Monday.

## Post Office

B. J. Northcott, an employee in the inspection division of the office of the Auditor for the Postoffice Department, was on Wednesday evening elected and installed president of the Missouri Republican Club of this city. Mr. Northcott is an interesting personage who has served his country for many years in times of war as well as peace. He was born in Menard county, Illinois, in 1847, going with his father's family later to Linn county, Mo. He was educated in the public schools and at Quincy College in Quincy, Ill. In 1872, when the Seventy-third Illinois Infantry was organized, Mr. Northcott received the appointment of hospital steward. By reason of his being then as now, a cripple, he could not be mustered into the service, but went with the regiment, of which his father was lieutenant colonel, until after the Murfreesboro campaign. He returned to Missouri in the spring of 1863, where he taught school, acted as clerk of the probate court, and served two terms as superintendent of schools for Linn county. He studied law with Major Mullins, of Linn county, Mo., and followed the legal profession until the fall of 1890, when he was appointed to a clerkship in the Bureau of Pensions in this city, which place he held until transferred to the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department in January, 1890. All of Mr. Northcott's children are established in the West.

### Death of R. T. Davidson.

Robert T. Davidson, clerk in the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department, whose serious illness was mentioned in this column last week, died at George Washington Hospital Tuesday, the immediate cause of his death being attributed to a spell of pneumonia contracted a few weeks since. The remains were shipped to Mr. Davidson's old home in Illinois for interment. Mr. Davidson was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 16, F. A. A. M., and of Hiram Chapter, H. A. M., of this city. He was personally popular with his associates in the department, who manifested their sorrow in his demise by contributing a floral wreath, which was sent with the remains to Illinois.

### J. H. McTeer Has Grip.

J. H. McTeer, of the auditing division of the sixth auditor's office, has been for several days confined to his room by a severe attack of grip. Mr. McTeer is of that class of young men who make good fighters for their country in times of war, and good workers in times of peace. He took part in the Santiago campaign of the Spanish-American war, and enjoys the distinction of having been specially commended for meritorious service while in action in that campaign. He was a member of the Second Cavalry, a non-commissioned officer, and was detailed as an escort to Captain's B. H. McKelvey, tendering valiant service during that memorable engagement. His friends in the department hope the disease as he did the Spaniards at Santiago.

Miss Martha C. Boyle, of the auditing division, has been away from the department for several days on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. A. C. Boyle, who died at her home in this city on Sunday. The funeral services were held at St. Peter's Church, Second and C streets southeast, on Tuesday, after which the remains were interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Chief Clerk Ingersoll, of the division of postoffice inspectors, is steadily improving at the home of his mother in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he has been since his recent illness.

Mrs. A. B. Ballantyne, of the division of dead letters, has returned from a visit of several weeks to relatives and friends in Chicago.

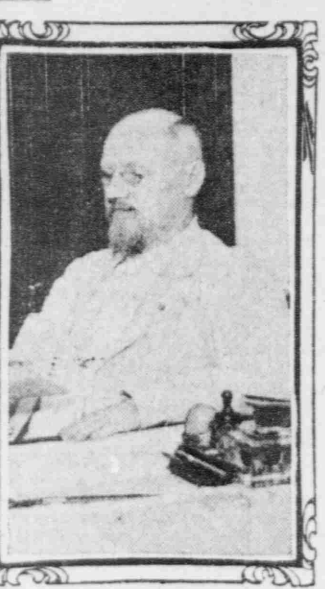
Miss Ida Doyle, of the auditing division, has recovered from a recent illness.

## Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The history of the operation of the bureau since 1878, when the main building was designed, is briefly stated by Director Sullivan in the following paragraph, which is of interest at this time because of the agitation for a new building:

"The main building of the bureau was designed in 1878, and during the fiscal year ended June 30, of that year, there were finished and delivered a total of 1,668,750 sheets of securities and stamps. Its construction was authorized by act of June 29, 1878, and it was completed in March, 1880. Within one year of the occupancy of this building the work of the bureau had doubled, and during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1881, there were finished and delivered 3,457,961 sheets of securities and stamps. There was a steady increase in the work until 1889, and in that year it was found necessary to make an addition to the original building, and authority was granted and an appropriation made by act of August 20, 1889. This resulted in the addition of the southwest wing, a five-story structure, slightly less by fifty feet. By act of Congress August 14, 1894, and act of March 2, 1895, three additional stories were authorized to the center wing. The work continued to increase until in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, there were finished and delivered 116,960,425 sheets of stamps and securities, an amount nine times that delivered in 1883, over four times that delivered in 1889. This volume of work was so great as to make it again necessary to build an addition, and authority and an appropriation therefor were granted by act of June 6, 1900. This resulted in the addition of the northwest wing, a five-story structure, ninety by fifty feet, and two outbuildings each two stories in height, one hundred and forty-six by forty-five feet."

Director Sullivan has hopes that Congress will at this session make an appropriation for an entirely new structure to be more centrally located, in accordance with his recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury, which



B. J. NORTHCOTT.

New President of the Missouri Republican Club.

and resumed her duties at the department.

Miss Lella Steele, confidential secretary to the chief of the auditing division of the office of the Sixth Auditor, who recently returned from an extensive Southern trip, was forced to relinquish her duties after being back but a few days, on account of illness.

Mrs. Lillian Schaeffer, of the auditing division, is temporarily filling the position of confidential secretary, during the absence of Miss Steele.

Mrs. Zetta G. Friebus, of the Sixth Auditor's office, has been transferred to the auditing division of the Sixth Auditor's office.

Mrs. M. C. Davis, of the auditing division, is in New York city to spend several days with her son, who resides there.

Paul L. Sexton has been transferred from the division of redemption under the Third Assistant Postmaster General, to the division of rural delivery, Bureau of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

John Maddox, of the money branch of the division of dead letters, who has been ill with the grip at his home in Rockville, Md., for some time past, has recovered his health sufficiently to return to his duties in the department.

Mrs. A. McMahon, of the Sixth Auditor's office, is at her home in this city suffering from a severe case of grip.

Mrs. L. McQuirk, of the Sixth Auditor's office, has been away from the department for several days past on account of illness.

Mrs. C. H. Palmer, of the auditing division, who has been ill and away from the department since December 2, has not yet recovered sufficiently to resume her duties.

Miss Genevieve Ormiston, of Llanos, Mo., daughter of the postmaster of that place, is spending the winter in this city as the guest of her uncle, B. J. Northcott, of the office of the Auditor for the Postoffice Department.

has recently been transmitted to Congress.

### Taxed to Capacity.

The demand for revenue stamps and securities continues unabated and the resources of the bureau are being taxed to keep up with the requirements of the Treasury Department. Every inch of space is being utilized at present, and every press is being constantly employed in turning out the work. A new branch of the printing division has been installed on the first floor and presents a splendid appearance.

### Plate Printers on Leave.

The following plate printers were on "that leave" during the past week: William H. McGrath, of section two; M. J. Kilerlane, of section two; William Rahn, Thomas Rogers, and J. McGonigle, of section three; Samuel Johnson, H. Mullineux, and Prof. Nott, of section four; Eugene Fugitt, Frank Conill, and William T. McRae, of section seven; Joseph Bennett, B. D. Berger, H. Fawell, H. W. Foertsch, Ed. A. Ireland, Moses Kerns, J. F. Perry, E. A. Shaffer, H. M. Smith, sr., and J. H. Wendell, of the night force.

### Union Meeting Tuesday.

The next regular meeting of Steel and Plate Printers' Union, Local No. 2, will be held Tuesday night next, at Typographical Temple, 425 G. street northwest. Several matters of importance to the membership will be considered at the meeting.

### Notes and Personals.

Miss Evelyn Collins has returned to the bureau after enjoying a week's leave.

Miss Teresa Broderick spent last week with friends in New York.

Mrs. D. P. McCarthy, formerly Miss Maggie Norton, with a party of friends from Pittsburg, visited the bureau during the past week.

Harry McAfee, of the examining department, is the happy father of twins—boy and girl. Mr. McAfee smilingly receives the congratulations of his many friends.

J. C. Gray, of the elevator staff, is nursing a pair of inflamed eyes, the result of an electrical shock.

## Gov't Printing Office

The amalgamation of the job press room on the seventh floor with the main press room on the first floor has been completed. This places in review probably the largest bureau of printing presses ever seen on one floor. The removal has been going on steadily for some weeks, and there has been little interference with the general run of work. After one or two more of the giant self-feeders and several automatic envelope presses have gone, the space once occupied by the job press room will be turned over for other uses.

### Printers Are in Demand.

If there are any idle printers in town now the Public Printer doesn't know it, for he has proposed to get every man at work who wants a job, temporarily at least. So thorough was the effort to increase the force of compositors that even the regulars were addressed by query thus: "If you know of a printer who wants work, tell him to report here at once." Consequently the printers have many new names on the pay roll. The eligible list being exhausted by previous requisitions, civil service rules were not reckoned with. A clear character was the open sesame. Members of Columbia Union rejoice, for the strike roll has dropped to zero.

### Resigns From Printery.

James D. Carpenter, a young law student from Georgia, who for a year or two has held a minor position, while pursuing his studies at one of the universities in this city, resigned last week to accept an appointment as draftsman at the Interior Department. Mr. Carpenter gained many friends during his short stay at the printery, and all wish him abundant success in his new field with increased remuneration and perquisites.

### Knights of Mimus Banquet.

The Knights of Mimus have appointed committees to take charge of all arrangements for the forthcoming annual banquet, as follows: General manager, Will E. Burchfield; committee on arrangements, P. N. Whitehead (chairman), G. D. Ellis, and A. L. Huss; entertainment, John R. Purvis (chairman), John A. Henson, and Joseph Gibson; printing, Frank D. Smith (chairman), H. A. Watson, and C. D. Scott; reception, W. F. O'Brien (chairman), H. W. Templar, F. A. Kidd, Elliott Brown, and J. C. Mackay; invitations, T. C. Parsons, chairman. In recognition of the sub-title of the organization—"Knockers' Club"—an invitation has been extended to Senator Joseph William of South Carolina, and he is expected to be present with a pitchfork or two to give the amateurs a few lessons in the gentle art known as the "knock." He has been selected as the date for the festivities.

### Former Employee on Visit.

Edgar M. Baldwin, of Fairmont, Ind., who was employed in the third division several years ago, during the good old piece days, was a visitor in Washington the last week. He called at the White House on Wednesday and met the President by appointment. Mr. Baldwin is a prosperous newspaper man and politician in Indiana, and is now conducting a paper in Representative Fred Landis' district. He was warmly greeted by his many old-time friends here.

### Jack and Jill Club.

The Jack and Jill Play Club, an organization popular in printery circles, was entertained one evening last week by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore. Games were played and music was furnished for the occasion. A delightful supper was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, Bernard Fox, and Mrs. Herman Kirsh, Miss Edna Kirsh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hickman, and Mrs. Carl Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moore, August, Ernest, and Adah Moore. The occasion being his birthday, a bountiful supper was served. In addition to the names given above, those who were present on the latter occasion were Leroy and Carl Fox, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Bragg, and Paul Bragg.

### Attended Committee Meeting.

W. C. Connor, acting assistant foreman of the blank division of the bindery, was away from the office for several days during the past week in attendance on the meetings of the executive committee of the National Republican League, which were held at Hotel Raleigh. Mr. Connor is president of the New York State Club of this city, and is a prominent member of the League of Republican Clubs. He is also president of the District of Columbia, in which he has been an active and earnest worker. Mr. Connor was warmly greeted by the President, who gave each a royal welcome.

### Services Largely Attended.

The funeral services for Mrs. Mary Hubbel were held at St. Aloysius Church on Monday, after which interment was made in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Mrs. Hubbel was employed in the folding room of the bindery previous to her recent illness, and was the oldest and most esteemed employee of the office. The funeral was largely attended by friends in the office.

### To Establish a Newspaper.

William F. Schoeller, who recently resigned his position as a compositor in the office, is to establish a daily newspaper at Ashland, Ky., according to the following press dispatch: "A new daily paper will be started here within the next few weeks. The paper will be run by a stock company, which has already been formed, and will be Republican in politics. Mr. F. Schoeller, formerly of the Government Printing Office at Washington, will have charge of the new paper."

### Reinstated to Old Place.

Rodney L. Thirion, who resigned his position in the foundry division several months ago in order to accept the management of a new engraving establishment in this city, has relinquished the latter position, and on Tuesday was reinstated in his old position in the foundry. He recently fell and sustained a fracture to three of his ribs, but has about recovered his health.

### Lecture on Consumption.

A free lecture on the prevention of consumption is to be given in Typo-

Officials of the Treasury Department get many unusual communications and requests in the course of business and little attention is paid to such other than to make acknowledgment or to request two letters that for being out of the ordinary cap the climax.

The first was from a young woman, who had engaged herself to a man employed in a certain branch of the Government service in the jurisdiction of the Treasury. She had apparently given very serious thought to the subject of matrimony after giving her promise, and had decided that she would like a little friendly advice, so she wrote the department asking for an opinion as to her suitors' qualifications for a husband. The letter was referred to the officer in charge of that branch of the service for answer, who took up the duties of assistant to Capitol and doubtless gave a satisfactory opinion.

The other letter in question was from a resident of one of the Carolinas, stating he had read in some paper that the department was distributing cats upon application and asking that two half-breed mutts be shipped by express to his address, charges collect. If mutts were not available two of any good variety for "mousers" would be gratefully accepted, for, it was stated, "the rats are getting very numerous around here." The application was advised that the Treasury furnished money to the collector, but it had no cats for distribution.

Captain Ross, chief of the Revenue Cutter Service, accompanied by Captain John B. Hildreth, and Lieutenants Billard and Correll attended the launching of the new cutter, Androscoquin, at Tompkins Cove, N. Y., last Wednesday. This new boat is destined for duty on the Maine coast, and was christened in honor of a county in the Pine Tree State.

William A. Woodruff, of New York, was recently given an appointment as

## Marine Hospital Service.

List of changes of station and duties of commissioned and noncommissioned officers of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service for the seven days ended January 16:

Stoner, G. W., surgeon, directed to proceed to Boston, Mass., as chairman of board of examiners, upon completion of duty to rejoin station.

Guiteras, G. M., surgeon, leave of absence granted for seven days from January 8, revoked.

Brown, R. W., passed assistant surgeon, directed to proceed to Evansville, Ind., for special temporary duty, upon completion of which to rejoin station, at Louisville, Ky.

Lavender, C. H., passed assistant surgeon, extension of leave of absence for seven days from January 8, amended so as to grant five days only.

McMullen, John, passed assistant surgeon, directed to proceed to Boston, Mass., as recorder of board of examiners, upon completion of duty to rejoin station.

Robinson, D. E., passed assistant surgeon, directed to proceed to Baltimore, Md., reporting to medical officer in command for duty and assignment to quarters.

Goldberger, Joseph, passed assistant surgeon, bureau letter of November 12, amended so as to grant sixteen days' leave of absence instead of twenty-one, enroute from Mexico, Mexico.

Gwyn, M. K., passed assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for one month from December 17, 1906.

Stimson, A. M., assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for seven days.

graphical Temple on Tuesday, January 29, under the auspices of Columbia Typographical Union. The speaker will be provided by the local committee on the prevention of consumption. This is a subject in which the working people of the District are taking great interest, a large attendance from the office is assured.

### Ex-Delegates' Officers.

The new officers of the local Ex-Delegates' Association are as follows: President, J. M. Kreiter; secretary, John A. Onyiah; treasurer, T. M. Ring; treasurer, Charles W. Otis; sergeant-at-arms, H. S. Sutton. At the last regular meeting it was reported that the association had lost two members by death during the past year—Messrs. Matt and Mattingly.

### Notes and Personals.

Henry Frahm, of the stamping division of the bindery, has returned from New York, where he went recently with the remains of his aged mother, who died at her home in this city.

A night force has been installed on the punching machines in the bindery, owing to increased work in that section. The folding room of the bindery has been transferred from the jurisdiction of the foreman of printing and placed in charge of Superintendent of Press Work McFarland.

Francis J. McNally, of the bindery, who has been confined to the Homeopathic Hospital for several days past, is reported to be improving.

Hamilton Roy, assistant foreman of the finishing room in the bindery, who has been suffering with grip for a week or two, is convalescing and is expected to resume his work in a few days.

J. F. Ahern, of the bindery, who has been ill of rheumatism at Sibley Hospital, is out of the hospital and about, and will soon return to his work.

Mrs. Otis, wife of Charles W. Otis, of the office of the foreman of printing, underwent a painful operation at Garfield Hospital on Saturday last. She is reported to be improving rapidly since the operation.

Robert W. Summers, assistant foreman of the finishing room in the bindery, has resumed his duties in connection with the reorganization system now in progress. Dr. Summers enjoyed several weeks vacation at his old home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Jesse W. Morgan, of the fifth division, is receiving encouraging reports from Mrs. Morgan, his estimable helpmeet, under treatment at Sibley Hospital.

Ritchie F. Ward and William M. Sipler are serving a temporary detail to the fourth division, having been transferred from the job room last week.

clerk with compensation at \$300 per annum, and assigned to duty in the office of the Auditor for Interior Department.

The following promotions have been made in the office of the Auditor for Interior: Mrs. Mary L. Goddard, \$1,000 to \$1,300, and P. N. Ogden, \$800 to \$1,000.

The committee appointed some time ago by the Secretary to check up the Internal Revenue stamp vaults and accounts has completed the work and submitted its report.

### Revenue Cutter Service Orders.

Capt. H. D. Smith, granted thirty days' leave.

Second Lieut. G. C. Alexander, granted thirty days' extension of leave.

Capt. D. P. Foley, directed to proceed to Wilmington, Del., on official business.

Capt. Worth G. Ross, directed to proceed to Wilmington, Del., on official business.

Capt. D. P. Foley directed to proceed to Tompkins Cove, N. Y., in connection with launching of No. 14, R. C. S., on January 19.

Capt. Worth G. Ross, directed to proceed to Tompkins Cove, N. Y., to be present at the launching of No. 14, R. C. S.

First Lieut. F. C. Billard, directed to accompany Capt. Worth G. Ross to Tompkins Cove in connection with the launching of No. 14, R. C. S.

Capt. F. M. Dunwoody, relieved from duty at the department and directed to return to Seattle and resume command of the Perry.

Capt. F. M. Dunwoody, granted thirty days' leave enroute under orders of January 15.

## Division Kept Busy.

The application division is kept on the jump these days, and the rush of work bids fair to continue until after the spring examinations are over. Applicants for examinations and those desiring information in regard to the examinations scheduled to be held in the spring are writing to the commission in large numbers, and these requests for information all go to the application division for reply. Chief Bushby and his able force are, however, handling the situation admirably, and it has not been necessary thus far for any member of the division to work overtime, although a call for volunteers or a little drafting on the part of the chief may be expected at almost any time.

### Many Inquiries Received.

It is interesting to note the exact number of letters, mostly inquiries concerning spring examinations, which are now being received in the application division. The number of letters received in that division this week is represented by the following table: Tuesday, 1,123; Wednesday, 345; Thursday, 1,082; and Friday, 1,038. This gives a total for four days of 4,638, or an average of 1,159 letters received each day.

### Messenger Boys' Exams.

More than 200 boys took the messenger examination held by the Civil Service Commission in the Census Office on Saturday, January 12. Young boys of Washington and vicinity are recognizing more than ever before the opportunities that exist in the various departments of the Government for advancement, and in addition, the advantages that exist in the service for obtaining a good business education.

The form containing information concerning transfers within the Government service has been revised and approved by the commission, and 1,000 copies will be printed. This form is much used by the dictators in the division of appointments, especially in the division of appointments, who covers the subjects of transfers fully and in a manner readily understood by those outside the commission.

Marcus C. Hanson, of Wisconsin, has been selected from the clerk register of eligibles qualified in arithmetic, and will be tendered a probationary appointment on the rolls of the commission at a salary of \$720 per annum. Mr. Hanson's assignment to duty will be in the division of appointments. Vice Ira Tweedy, promoted to \$840.

The division of appointments presents quite a festive appearance, as new with several new carpets added to its furnishings. Dr. Chapman and Mr. Halboran's offices and the room devoted to stenographers are those which have received this latest addition to their decorations.

Thomas J. Murphy, of Providence, R. I., has been selected from the clerk register from the State of Rhode Island for probationary appointment on the rolls of the commission at \$840 per annum. This appointment is made to fill the vacancy caused by the promotions resulting from the death of Walter A. Wilson, of the division of appointments. Mr. Murphy will be assigned to clerical duty in Mr. Brobst's office of divisions of appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cheesman, the latter of the division of appointments, entertained Charles Carroll Smith, of Merchantsville, N. J., and Miss Lulu Wright, of Philadelphia, last Sunday at their home, 65 G. street northwest. On Thursday Mrs. Cheesman, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lella P. Wright, left this city for an extended visit with the former's sister, Mrs. William Clark, of Plant City, Florida.

The Rev. J. L. Long, of the division of appointments, is still unable to be at the commission, on account of illness.